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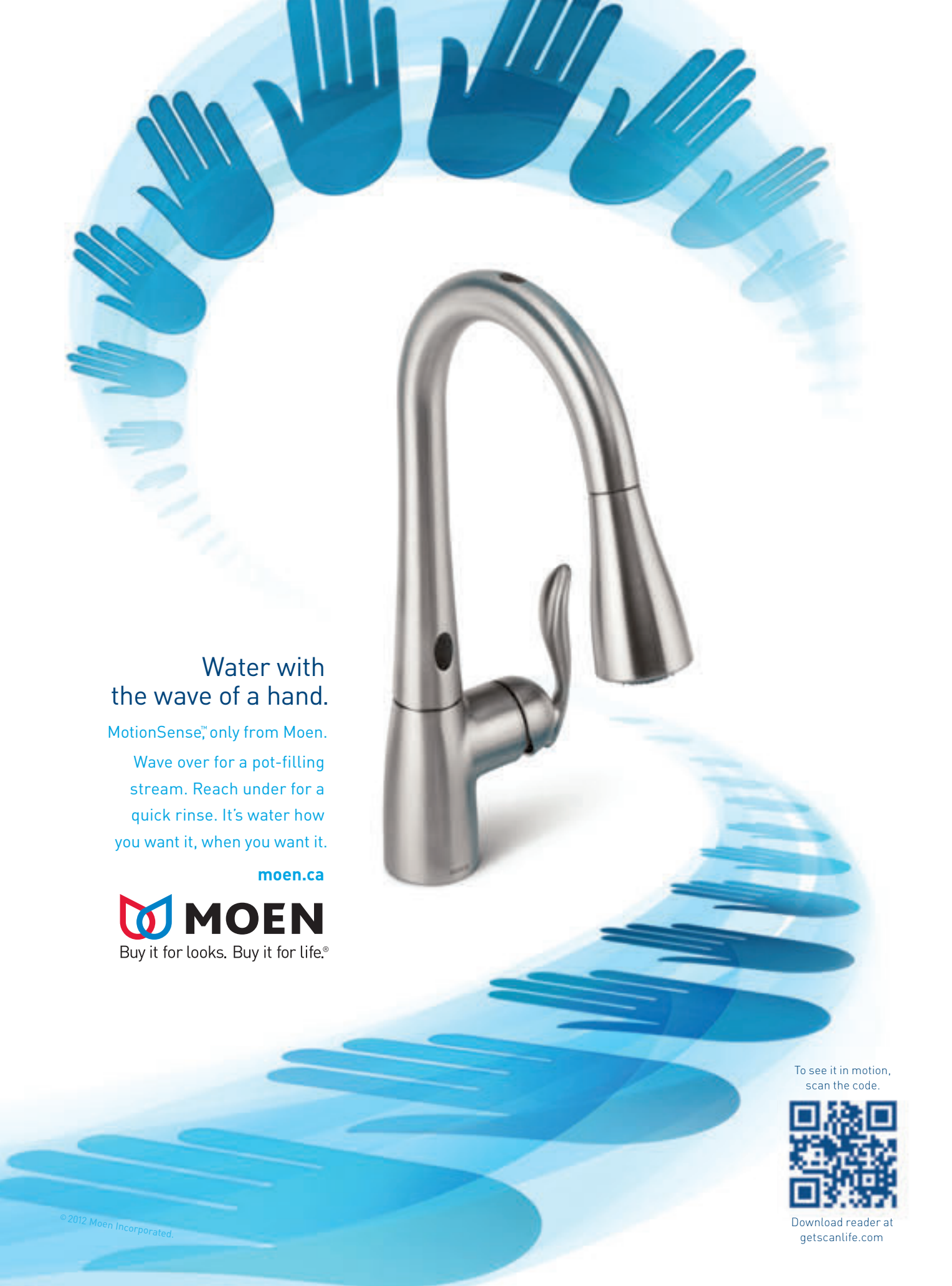
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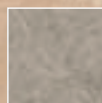
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My favourite time to shop is when I travel. If I'm with a new companion, I feel like I have to explain, "I don't shop like this at home," (my old companions are used to me). But it's true! I feel more free, invigorated and definitely more inspired when I travel, and my purchasing power usually proves it.

Of course, there's always the worry of 'buyer's regret' when we travel, but I actually find that time-sensitive, adrenaline-pumping, decision-making even more empowering. Maybe that's because I know that some of my favourite purchases have been made while travelling.

I remember, many moons ago, being over in Denmark and getting to the Copenhagen Sunday morning flea market. It was fantastic, and I indulged myself so much that I had to buy an old cigar-smelling leather duffel bag to bring all my finds home.

I think I ended up selling that bag in my own garage sale many years later—I just couldn't get that darned smell out! However, I do have six perfect pastel-coloured demi-tasses with a gorgeous gold edge sitting on my dining room sideboard right now. They made the trek over the pond in that old duffel and I still love them.

Not all of my travel finds are purchased, however. One of my biggest travel regrets was chickening out of bringing home a huge bag of beach glass I gathered on the rocky southern coast of Scotland. I always over-pack to start with, add to that my shopping habit and, of course, my suitcase weighed a ton and I was worried it would split open.

I left the bag of silky-soft glass in my room and have regretted it ever since. I should have just found a way to haul it back. I still remember the beautiful shades of blue and green, like the water outside our old inn's window.

Something that has struck me about today's global influences in decorating is the whole old/new aspect. I actually think that is what makes it so appealing to us in the 'new world.'

Incorporating worldly items into our modern interiors is interesting because often our finds are rather old, worn or primitive—the opposite of our shiny sleek world in the West.

There's something more authentic and less common about an odd trinket, an earthy bowl or woven textile from a far-off land, than there is with something made new. I have a miner's lunchbox, from a trip to Portobello Lane in London, on my living room shelves—talk about common! And yet it's very unique for my time and place.

Do you ever wonder what people from Europe or the Far East bring back with them from a trip to North America? I can't imagine... T-shirts and snow globes?

I do believe that's why arts and handcrafts have become so big with the next generation of Canadian designers and decorators. Although we have access to more things made new, and in a greater array than ever before, there's something about adding a few touchstone pieces imported from another time and place to make a home unique.

Of course, we're lucky to have all the newest technologies and products here in the West but we crave the one-of-a-kind, the hand-hewn, the odd bits and pieces that represent another life and our feelings when we first experienced them.

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LETTER FROM READER

Dear Evelyn,
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I do appreciate your suggestion and will definitely be using this colour in the space...seems like Revere Pewter by Benjamin Moore is the go-to colour for most interior designers.

Again thank you.

Keep Smiling,
Marcia

Dear Marcia,
I am glad to hear that designer and R&D contributor, Evelyn Eshun suggested a paint colour you were already considering. I guess it was meant to be! As it turns out, I just recently had my main floor painted and we chose Revere Pewter as well for the living room/dining room, and Edgecomb Gray for the kitchen and hallways.

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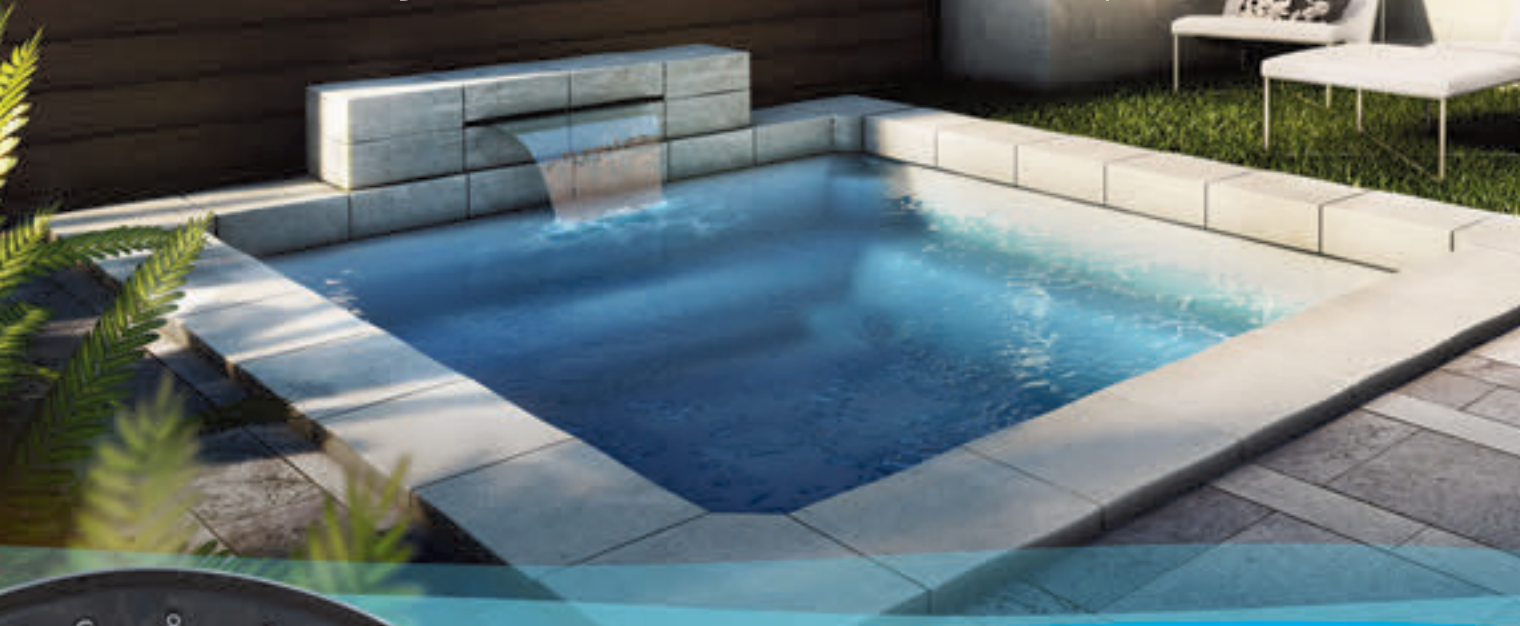
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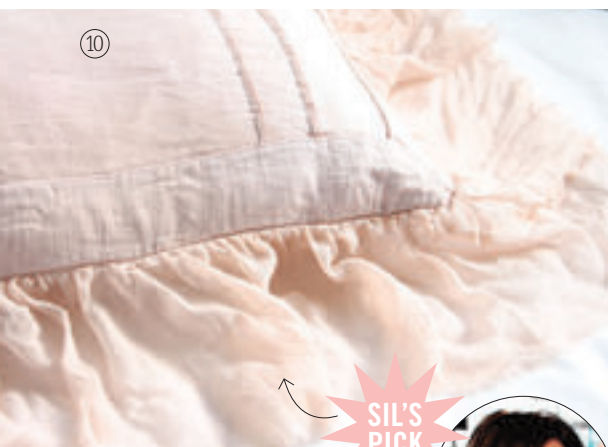
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A play on the pastel palette of the '80s...

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SILVANA LONGO
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1 C'EST MIGNON The Turner Mini-Sofa is in a high-grade velvet fabric with premium feathers deluxe seating. A gently sloping back with ample fan-pleated arms and a high valance give the Turner Collection a quiet elegance. Turner Mini-Sofa, \$4,990; barrymorefurniture.com

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3 COLOUR CHRONICLES This hard cover journal with lined pages, bound with metal coil, is perfect for recounting summer adventures. Wander Often Journal, \$24; chapters.indigo.ca

4 SHED SOME LIGHT Add a touch of blush to the home office with this fun and fabulous SNOIG Work Lamp, light pink, \$24.99; ikea.com

5 TEA TIME Sipping tea (or coffee) in this teacup and saucer makes mid-afternoon breaks more special. We love the dots! So retro and *au courant* at the same time. Teacup and Saucer, \$5.99; homesense.ca

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7 A TOUCH OF BLUSH Porcelain and round with soft-pink decal layers, this perfectly sized plate for salad and appetizers is a fresh neutral with the graphic illustrations of belay dinnerware. Belay Salad Plate, \$6.95; cb2.com

8 PILLOW PRIDE Crafted with 100 per cent organic cotton in a Fair Trade-certified facility, this richly woven bedding collection gets its precise pattern from a jacquard loom. Mid-Century Organic Ladder Stripe Jacquard Bedding, \$35; westelm.com

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10 A TOUCH OF ROMANCE This lustrous, tailored charmeuse and ruffles of translucent silk gauze play with light and texture in this ornate collection. A soft and sexy touch in a bedroom. Bella Notte Cushion, \$303; autilfinelinens.com



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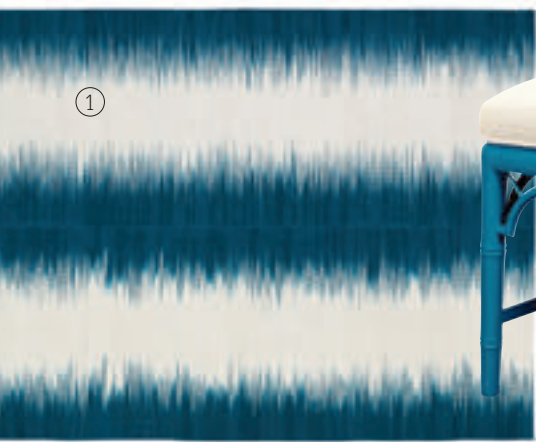
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4 INSIDE OUT The hand-dyed woven jacquard in scroll design reverses to same with on-seam zipper and knife-edge tailoring. Raya Pillow, \$54.95; crateandbarrel.ca

5 A TOUCH OF LUXURY The Boratti cushion has a small mosaic pattern in a lustrous velvet weave, which creates a fine-cobbled texture that is sumptuous to the touch. Reversing to a coordinating satin, and trimmed on both ends with satin. Boratti Ocean Cushion, \$161; aulitfinelinens.com

6 GLASS ART An elegant hand-blown vase. The Tear Drop vase comes in two sizes: 13-inch H \$47, 16-inch H \$57; palazzetti.ca

7 WHAT'S NEW WITH COBI This brand new bedding pattern mixes teal with traditional blue and white for a flower-power punch. Hydrangea by cobistyle is available in all bedding pieces including sheets, skirt, comforter, shams and decorative pillows. Double/Queen duvet cover set, including shams, \$179.99. Available in September at Sears stores across Canada and on sears.ca.

8 ADD A BOLD ACCESSORY Teal pops with bright white. Add a geometric base to this crisp white lamp shade and that's one cool table lamp. Delta Table Lamp in Peacock, \$276; casalife.com

9 TEAL BREAKER This hand-upholstered, luxe sofa gets a lift from pecan-stained solid-wood legs. Accented with bolster pillows, it's covered in a new blue lustre velvet, which gets its subtle sheen from a woven blend of pure cotton yarn and textured threads. Mid-Century Sofa, \$1,559; westelm.com



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ART DIRECTOR

1 PILLOW PARTY Chevron-patterned pillow in a purple and grey colour scheme. Contrasting textures for a stylish look. Each pillow is designed and handcrafted in the United States. Rhapsody Chevron Pillow, wine, \$295; elte.com

2 IN THE LOOP Floral-inspired loops embroidered and appliquéd with cording in deep plum add a crafty touch to this cushion. Gracie Pillow, \$74.95; crateandbarrel.com

3 ODE TO AUBERGINE Brinjal takes its name from the beautiful shiny skin of the eggplant, so it is particularly magnificent in Full Gloss. It can create a highly sophisticated, glamorous space when used on all walls, but is more often used as a feature wall to enhance a neutral room or as an accent on a bathroom vanity or kitchen island. Brinjal No.222, \$97 per gallon; farrow-ball.com

4 SEEING SPOTS The designer of the SMORBOLL duvet cover and pillow wanted the different sizes of the dots to be accentuated by the soft variations in colour, making the pattern even more dynamic and fun. SMORBOLL Duvet Cover and Pillowcases, \$34.99 Full/Queen; ikea.com

5 CHEERS Diamond-Cut Glass Goblet in purple, \$11.95; pier1.ca

6 BEST BOOTIES When summer days lead into fall, there is nothing like strutting your fashionable self around town in these gorgeous booties. Rag & Bone Bootie, plum, \$710; holtrenfrew.com

7 WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR TOTE A petite version of the best-selling Heather Tote. The perfect way to transport your favourite books! Fully lined; 100 per cent polyurethane; Mini Heather Tote, \$49.50; chapters.indigo.ca

8 PLUM & VELVET WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER Classic in its silhouette, the lustrous curves of this sofa complement those of the modern day woman. High-gloss varnish reveals the many hues of the sultry magenta satin being draped and adorned. Detailed stitching trails along the edges leading down a path to solid-wood legs, elegantly finished in gold leaf. Nessa Sofa, \$4,190; info@bykoket.com

9 COMING UP ROSES In soothing shades of red blossoms, this stylish display of elaborate stitching is complemented by cleverly hidden roses. Rose Patch Rug, \$499; decorium.com

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The Chelsea Market attracts millions of foodies each year. NYC & Company Photo by Joe Buglewicz

ROAD TRIP

NYC's hippest design district—Chelsea



VICKY SANDERSON

Bustling, pulsing and ever evolving, New York City is often described as a melting pot of cultures. But it might more accurately be called a tapestry—a densely woven social fabric of neighbourhoods, each defined by its own history and influences.

Few are more storied than Chelsea, the modern-day roots of which reach back to 1750, when retired British Major Thomas Clark bought 94 acres of land in the area and named it after a manor in Chelsea, London. In time, it grew into a thriving industrial centre before morphing, in the 1820s, into a residential neighbourhood.

In the 1950s, an influx of Cuban immigrants followed and in the 1970s it became a magnet for the LGBT community. Today, Chelsea is a hub of hip galleries, restaurants, boutiques and—after dark—a lively nightlife.

It's also a hotspot for design-related events, including Wanted Design, an annual exhibit of design from around the world that's held each May. Founded in 2011 by gallery owner Odile Hainaut and former marketing/communication executive Claire Pijoulat, the event takes place in the landmark Terminal Building, a renovated warehouse complex on 11th Avenue in West Chelsea.

It's the perfect locale says Stacey Tepper, publicist for Wanted Design. "The area is easy to get to, very artsy, it has lots of galleries and it's very close to the Javits Center." (The Javits Center hosts the International Contemporary Furniture Fair, arguably the main event during Design Week.)

CANADIAN CONTINGENCY

This spring, a contingent of Quebec-based woodworkers and ceramicists, as well as textile, object, furniture and lighting designers were there under the umbrella QC Design. Notable were exquisite wooden espresso cups by Tony Gaudette of Milan Design and clever collapsible bowls by designer Tat Chao.

Canadians were also represented in a Launch Pad program, which showcases market-ready prototypes from international design studios and independent designers looking for manufacturers, retailers or distributors. This year, Toronto-based design star Tahir Mahmood showed off beautifully crafted table lamps and hooks.

GETTING AROUND

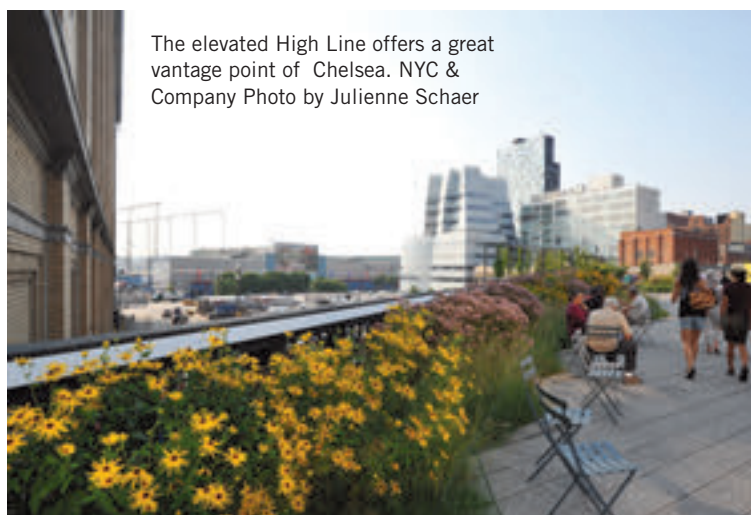
One of the best ways to see the area is the High Line, an elevated public park built on a historic freight rail line. Originally designed to carry goods quickly and efficiently from Manhattan's largest industrial district, it runs from Gansevoort Street in the Meatpacking District to West 34th Street, between 10th and 12th Avenues.

WHERE TO STAY

If you want to stay in Chelsea, consider the Hotel Americano—a handsome blend of styles and influences, including that of a ryokan (a traditional Japanese inn). Its striking façade of glass wrapped in metal mesh was designed by New York-based Mexican architect Enrique Norten, the first recipient of the Mies van der Rohe Award for Latin American Architecture.

WHERE TO EAT

When you get hungry, head over to the Chelsea Market (chelseamarket.com); vendors sell everything from handmade gelato to fresh whole lobsters from Maine. ♦



The elevated High Line offers a great vantage point of Chelsea. NYC & Company Photo by Julianne Schaar

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IN THE PINK

Embracing the bold and bright side of the colour wheel

BY SARAH ST. AMAND • PHOTOGRAPHY BY KELLY HORKOFF



In an era of Pinterest, design blogs and Instagram, at the onset of a design consultation, homeowners are often armed with a myriad of images and ideas about everything from coffered ceilings to sofa upholstery to colour palettes.

So it was a rare moment when homeowner Freda Hart presented me with only a few parameters for the redesign of her living room and breakfast nook. The primary mandate was COLOUR.

Hart's adoration of bold hues and disdain for beige became apparent as the design process got underway. The only challenge was to narrow down the colour preferences in order to develop one cohesive palette. Hart knows what she likes and what she doesn't and we were both on the same page.

THE LAY OF THE LAND

When someone is drawn to a colourful interior, you need a starting point, something to work from, whether it is a piece of art, an area carpet, or a fabric. It provides the direction to begin the process of choosing a colour palette.

By gathering a variety of patterns, fabrics and colours to show a homeowner, I can elicit an understanding of their likes or dislikes and ensure they are not making hasty decisions just to get the project completed. Because colour is subjective, people usually know instinctively if they like a colour or not.

In this case, Hart wanted to take her time to make final decisions. She put no parameters on a timeline for the room to be completed because it was more important for her that it was a room she



“BECAUSE COLOUR IS SUBJECTIVE, PEOPLE KNOW INSTINCTIVELY IF THEY LIKE A COLOUR OR NOT.”



would love. After several shopping excursions and consultations, a colour scheme emerged.

In the way you wouldn't build an outfit around a pair of socks, instead selecting a beautiful scarf or a great piece of jewellery, the same goes for decor. If you start with something you love, you can build a palette from it and add the corresponding elements to make your home a reflection of your personality.

COLOUR PLUNGE

Hart's home had a beautiful floor plan and great bones but the interior was really a blank slate. Considering her love of colour, impact was important for her, while remaining tasteful at the same time.

Although the recent trend in design has been soft greys with neutrals and light surroundings, it was exciting to work with Hart because her love for colour was reflected in her personality. As a gentle backdrop to the colourful furnishings, artwork and fabrics, I opted to use Benjamin Moore's Chantilly Lace OC-65.

As we approached the end of the project, a pop of paint colour was added by pulling out the teal found in the canvas and the accent cushions on the sofa. Benjamin Moore's Avalon Teal CSP-645 did the trick.

In the breakfast nook, Benjamin Moore's Spa Day CSP-635 gave the all-white kitchen a dramatic uplift, which was exactly what Hart wanted.



FOR THE COLOUR-SHY

Toss pillows (and the occasional throw) are a favourite noncommittal way to add a variety of colours to a space. They're easy to mix and match and rearrange or replace at any time.

Bringing in some playful patterns is another way to add a sense of drama even where very little colour is actually present. Look to bold geometrics (like a chunky chevron or stripe), animal prints and bold wood grains to add visual variety without clashing.

Combining patterned pieces with those in a combination of neutral tones can create a space that suggests colour, but with very little colour at all.

Most clients are afraid of using too much colour because they worry they will tire of the decor, especially with more permanent pieces. In order to get a unique design, sometimes a designer has to help the homeowner to step out of the box.

NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED

When I first brought Hart the hot pink chevron fabric for the chairs and suggested having the legs painted white, I thought for sure she would be hesitant to commit to such a bold choice. Although she had to keep the fabric book for several weeks to mull it over, she called me up one day and said, "Go for it, Sarah!" When the chairs arrived she was thrilled.

The designer's job is not only to bring the look together but to keep the project moving along and to manage all aspects so everything is cohesive. I enjoy the process because it also establishes a relationship with the homeowner.

Subsequently, Hart's family room became the next project we're working on together. Dubbed "The Hart Lounge," I know I will enjoy this design experience every step of the way. ♦



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HOMEMADE HEADBOARD

Add instant drama to a bedroom in four easy steps

BY CATHERINE-LUCIE HORBER



The bed is the most important element in any bedroom because it is frequently the focal point. Therefore, indulge in a beautiful custom-upholstered headboard, if the budget allows. They can be made in different styles, shapes, fabrics, and colours, with embellishments like nail heads. However, there are low-cost options that you can do yourself to perk up a guest bedroom or child's bedroom.

In this home, the guest bedroom is located in the attic area, giving it a loft-style feel. Although the client didn't want to invest too much time or money in this room, it was still essential to make it feel cosy and inviting.

A cracked, faux-leather fabric with great texture was selected in a rich teal colour to make a statement, and simple white bedding was highlighted with black and teal pillows. The added height actually makes the very low-arched ceiling seem higher.

Custom headboards can cost about \$1,000, but this one was made for under \$100—quite the savings!

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO MAKE IT:

- PAINTING CANVAS FROM ART SUPPLY STORE
- FABRIC
- SCISSORS
- GLUE GUN OR STAPLE GUN
- BATTING OR FOAM



❶ Use the width and size that will work with the size of your bed. Measure the height of the wall from the top of the mattress and measure the width of the bed. Purchase appropriate-sized canvases. For a double bed and low ceiling, two 36x36-inch canvases were used. With a higher ceiling, you could use four of them, etc.

❷ To ensure you have enough fabric, place the canvas face down on the fabric and lift each side to ensure it reaches around the sides. Choose any texture and colour you want but make sure it's a strong, sturdy fabric that is easily wiped. Stay away from delicate fabrics like silk, lightweight linen or sheer. For a dramatic effect, use a bold

colour with an interesting texture like faux leather, velvet or tapestry. You can then decide to pick up that colour in a pillow on the bed.

❸ Cut the fabric around each canvas leaving just enough around each corner to wrap it on the back.

❹ A staple gun is preferred but if you don't have one, use a hot glue gun to secure the fabric around the canvas. To ensure you

can lean against the headboard, add some batting or foam to the back. Foam should be the same thickness as the depth of your frame. Cut a piece to fit inside the back of the frame. Fit in snugly. In order to avoid the canvases from tipping or being off centre, it is best to mount them with two nails, one in each corner. ♦

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COLOUR MY WORLD

BY CECE M. SCOTT

What factors determine a trend? Design experts weigh in and look ahead at what's coming up in the world of colour



Colourful decorated plates at the market in Marrakesh, Morocco



Fabrics, textiles, cushions and Turkish rugs at the local bazaar in Fethiye, Turkey



Street with colourful houses, St. John's, Newfoundland

"Interestingly, the Maritimes tend to use more colours than central Canada."

— JANE LOCKHART, INTERIOR DESIGNER

When the colour of the year is being selected on the global stage, the process is influenced by a variety of dynamics: economic, political and social factors. Generational effects based on the sheer size of various segments, be it Baby Boomers, Gen Xs, Millennials, all play a part in morphing what might originally have been a fad into a longer-standing trend.

As people travel more, they see, experience and appreciate the riotous colours and textures native to countries where colour is inherently weaved into the culture and traditions. These travellers return home with new ideas and attitudes as to how they want to embrace and populate their living spaces.

"Canada traditionally buys into neutral colours—we are not colour adaptors," says Jane Lockhart of Jane Lockhart Interior Design. "Whereas with countries like the UK you will see more colours used; it is a part of their history."

"As a designer of multiple product lines I would be lost without

Pantone's colour-specifying swatches," — CANDICE OLSON, INTERIOR DESIGNER

TREND-SETTING PANTONE

The Pantone Color Institute is internationally recognized as the expert on colour-speak for the design and selection process. Pantone is the authority on colour throughout a vast spectrum of indices including fashion, accessories, newspaper and magazine printing, and paint palettes.

"As a designer of multiple product lines, I would be lost without Pantone's colour-specifying swatches," says Candice Olson, interior designer and host of *Divine Design* and *Candice Tells All* (W Network). Olson compares Pantone's Colour of the Year selection to the Oscars—the Oscars of Colour.

"Pantone's team of colour and design experts comb the world looking at emerging colour and design trends in a variety of creative sectors like art, fashion, films," Olson says. How a colour impacts emotions and attitudes is also a key psychological factor when the Colour of the Year is chosen.

Candice Olson combines rich hues to create a peaceful respite



MARSALA USHERED IN 2015

As Pantone's 2015 Colour of the Year, this rich spicy-red has an underlying base of deep copper hues. Not your quiet blends-right-in colour, it conjures a sense of fun, high energy and gracious sophistication. Marsala is a strong accent colour that makes for a perfect backdrop for a dining room, kitchen or family room, where you want to evoke a warm, cosy feeling. It is definitively a palette that appeals to the colour-confident consumer.

GRAND ENTRANCES

We spend so much time and effort dressing up the inside of our homes but often we neglect what is ultimately the key first impression—our front doors. Inspired by well-appointed European enamel finishes, Benjamin Moore's newly announced 2015 enamel for doors and trim promises to transform uninspired entryways into grand entrances with

their rich luxurious aura. Available in high gloss and satin sheens, for exterior or interior usage, Aura Grand Entrance is "guaranteed to impress anyone who might come knocking on your door," says Sharon Grech, Colour & Design Expert for Benjamin Moore. Exclusive Aura Grand Entrance colours span a broad palette from creams, to Mint Chip, to Wild Blueberry, to Dutch Tulip, and everything in-between.

CHOOSING A PAINT COLOUR

Buying a premium-quality paint, whether it is from companies such as Benjamin Moore, Farrow & Ball, or Behr Premium Paints, is well worth the investment. “Many paint companies offer ‘good, better, best’ products for different conditions and at various price points, but I’m a firm believer that paint is not the place to compromise,” says Olson.

High-performance paint goes on easier, lasts longer, splatters less, and provides a more solid depth of colour. “Paint is probably the most visceral element a person can choose—it changes the room,” states Lockhart. “A good paint captures the colour in a way that allows us to enjoy it.”

The best way to choose a colour that you know you can ultimately live with is to take a swatch or sample of a colour you love down to your local paint store and match it up with a selection of paint chips. Find something that makes you feel good or inspires you, select those paint chips, bring them home, and try them under the light in the intended room.

If you are not sure or don’t feel committed to your choice, paint one wall and live with it for a week to see if it speaks to you and defines the mood you want to create. “Paint takes up our most visual space,” Grech says. “It can transform the whole look of our home. Make sure it coordinates—you only know that by context. Test it by bringing it into your room.”

Guilford Green
HC-116,
Benjamin Moore

Ensconced in elegance. Design by Jane Lockhart, B.A.A.I.D., intern ARIDO



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a little sharper. Colour is a really good way to define your space.

Colour matters.” — JANE LOCKHART, INTERIOR DESIGNER

WHAT’S ON THE HORIZON

If you are an early trend adopter, a peek into 2016 provides some interesting views on the new vogue.

“On some level, there is a feminization of the colour palette, a little less man colour. Man colours mixed with typical female colours,” Lockhart says.

“And, wallpaper is back, although you will never see it used on every wall and staircase the way you used to. It will be used to accent walls. We are also seeing florals again—both in fashion and decor, which are not far off from each other.”

For spring 2016, Lockhart predicts the market will see more of the warm metals, antique golds, and lots of blues, especially navy blue, which is really gathering momentum.

While Lockhart foresees a cooling trend in the colour palettes, Grech sees more of a warming effect, with the current ubiquitous grays transitioning to sand and camel tones. Grech also sees wallpaper as a forward trend, adding the element of pattern to powder rooms and dining rooms. “But there will be absolutely no borders,” Grech says.

Pastels will continue into the fall, as will more saturated accent colours. “We were drama-free for so many years,” Lockhart says. “People are looking for something to pick up neutrals; something a little sharper. Colour is a really good way to define your space. Colour matters. Grech concurs: “People have become more colour confident.”◆

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MAKE A STATEMENT

Show your front door some love with these paint colour cues

BY JACKLYN LITTLE

With a small quart of paint and some elbow grease, you can update your front door and transform it from boring to beautiful in a couple of hours on a weekend. That's the budget-friendly way to improve curb appeal without embarking on a large exterior overhaul.

Whatever the style of your home or exterior façade, here are some exterior paint tips to help the project go smoothly and quickly so you can get back to enjoying the rest of the summer.

PRIMED FOR SUCCESS

Both Benjamin Moore and Farrow & Ball have good exterior primers. Depending on the colour you select, Farrow & Ball has four shades of primers, whereas Benjamin Moore's primer is Fresh Start interior/exterior all-purpose primer.

You may need a coloured primer. For example, if you select black as the paint colour, your primer should be tinted either medium or dark grey for best top-coat results.

If the door is wood then use exterior wood primer and undercoat. Or, if you have a metal door, use metal primer and undercoat, both from Farrow & Ball. Always consult with the paint supplier as to the condition of your door before you start and get the right undercoat/primer.

Before applying the undercoat/primer, clean the door then give it a quick sanding and wipe down the excess. For best results, give it at least one coat of primer and two coats of paint.

If the door is in good shape and you want to really make it stand out, consider a high-gloss paint. The Farrow & Ball Full Gloss Exterior is 95 per cent sheen and the Benjamin Moore full gloss is 85 per cent. If you don't want the full-shine look, use the eggshell finish with a 20 per cent sheen level.



PAINT-FRIENDLY WEATHER

For the painting environment, do not paint below 10C, or with excessive heat above 30C. Of course, do not paint if there is a likelihood of rain. Paint is best applied early in the day to allow drying before evening condensation.

My painting technique is to always start with an angled brush to get in all the nooks and crannies and finish with a small sponge roller for a clean, smooth, freshly painted look.

JACKLYN'S COLOUR GUIDE

When selecting a colour for your front door, it is important to select a colour that would complement your home's exterior. If your home is grey with a modern exterior, consider painting the door a bright yellow, orange or a deep purple. More importantly, though, select a colour that suits your personal style and home.

If you have a traditional red-brick home and want that old world charm, consider using black or a medium green paint colour. Whether your home is a traditional, modern or county/rustic style, here are some specific colour guidelines.

FARROW & BALL PAINT COLOURS

BENJAMIN MOORE PAINT COLOURS



Babouche No. 223

If you have a black or grey exterior



Hawthorne Yellow – HC-4



Charlotte's Locks No. 268

If you have a charcoal grey or medium grey exterior



Pink Mix – 2089-30



Churlish Green No. 251

If you have a black, white or dark brown exterior



Atmospheric – AF-500



Railings No. 31

For railings, this colour looks good with all exterior colours



Black Beauty – 2128-10



Incarnadine No. 248

If the outside of your house has a light or dark brown exterior



Brick Red – 2084-10



Green Smoke No. 47

If the outside of your home is taupe, white or yellow



Amazon Green – 2136-30



Pelt No. 254

If your home has a yellow, beige or brown exterior



Caponata – AF-650



Hague Blue No. 30

This colour looks great with all exterior colours



Naples Blue – 2057-30

If your garage over-shadows the front door, consider a bright and bold colour with a full-gloss finish, to spotlight the front door.



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DESIGNING FOR WINE

When it comes to the display and storage of your beloved spirits, find out the design features that work best for your home



SAMANTHA SANNELLA

When a homeowner requests a wine cellar, a wine room or a recommendation for a wine refrigerator, my first reaction is, “Ahhh, wine—my favourite subject.” Ideally, wine should be allowed to age and develop slowly in a cool, humid environment. Homeowners have many options when designing for their wine collection. From under-counter wine refrigerators to integrated wine cellars, the three most important things to consider are: temperature, humidity and light.



LIGHT

Sunlight or strong, direct incandescent light can negatively affect wine, which is why it is often packaged in dark glass bottles. Light-bodied wines are especially vulnerable to sunlight and should be kept in the dark at all times.

HUMIDITY

Humidity is important as corks can often dry out, even if bottles are stored on their sides. Please note, while new corking methods, such as the plastic cork, have become popular, wine experts still recommend storage on the side. If the cork dries out, wine is often exposed to oxygen, which can cause oxidation.

Many experts caution against storing wine in a refrigerator because of the dehumidification, unless it has a humidity control system. It is important to remember that champagnes and sparkling wines are best stored upright and not on their side, due to their internal pressure. Ideal humidity is around 75F (about 24C).

TEMPERATURE

Wine is extremely susceptible to changes in temperature. If temperatures rise above 25C (77F), wine can develop an unusual ‘off’ flavour. Again, delicate wines, such as Rieslings and Chardonnays are more susceptible to this factor.

The ideal temperature for wine is 13C (55F), and the range is from 10C-15C (50-59F). Freezing should also be avoided as corks can pop and oxygen can enter the bottle.

WINE STORAGE

Wines can be stored ‘actively’ with the use of cooling and humidity mechanisms or ‘passively’, which only uses natural methods. In Toronto, temperature swings in the basement can be somewhat mild; however, humidity ranges can vary widely depending upon the type of heating system in your home.

Before considering a passive wine cellar, it is best to monitor temperature and humidity over the seasons to see if your home meets the temperature and humidity ranges that are ideal for wine. In passive wine cellars, placing river rocks or gravel on the floor of the wine cellar and spritzing periodically with water can control humidity.

Passive wine cellars can be less expensive to build but may require more monitoring and time to ensure your wine investment is safe. As well, if you travel for long periods of time, this option may not be suitable.

When cooling units are required, the type and capacity are dependent upon the size and construction of the wine cellar. Before purchasing, it is best to seek a wine expert for advice. Online help is also available at Wine Enthusiast (wineenthusiast.com).

WINE CELLARS

Wine racks are critical when designing a wine cellar. There are many low-cost solutions, such as simple wood and metal shelving, to more elaborate decorative shapes made from wrought iron to stainless steel. Choosing a wine rack can foster the sense of style that you wish to convey in your wine room.

There are hundreds of pre-fabricated options, from wall-mounted racks to smaller freestanding racks. A successful wine cellar typically has a variety of storage options to accommodate regular-sized bottles, over-sized bottles, reds, whites and sparkling wines or champagnes.

The doors to a wine cellar can really set the tone for the wine experience. While glass is popular, options are endless and include decorative metal and hand-carved wood. Personally, I love repurposed antique doors that offer a sense of history.

WINE REFRIGERATORS

For those of us who don't have the space for a wine cellar, under-counter or freestanding wine refrigerators often have separate areas for reds and whites so that temperatures can be controlled via a dual-zone mechanism. Appliance Canada offers numerous selections from Avantgarde, Thermador, Sub-Zero, EuroCave, and many others.



GLASSWARE

For serious wine enthusiasts, the glassware is very important, as it affects the temperature and breathability of the wine. The categories include red, white, champagne, and dessert wines. Shapes are based upon the variety of the wine as well: Bordeaux vs. Cabernet or Riesling vs. Chardonnay.

Decanters can vary too. Enthusiasts often have decanter collections on display. If you combine this with barware, you have a significant need for glass storage. Some wine rooms offer a wine service area or bar in close proximity. These include storage for glassware, washing, drying, service and presentation.

Bar space or dedicated areas for wine tasting are a luxurious addition to a home and a treat for guests. *Salute!* ♦



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A bland and dated family home provided Colin & Justin with a blank canvas for a bold new look. Oh, and an opportunity to upcycle existing items to create a bright summery vibe... for less

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Open shelves are ideal for small stacks of books, objets d'art and collectibles: don't cram with puzzle books and paperwork.



Some neutrally decorated rooms lend themselves beautifully to a bit of seasonal adjustment: a new rug, for instance, or perhaps drapes and scatter cushions are often all it takes to seasonally update and embrace warmer times. But then, of course, there are rooms that are just *so* depressingly dowdy that they need a dose of decorative Prozac. And that's where we come in. Clearly a case of "when bad rooms happen to good people," the family who occupied this space had been so focused on bringing up their kids that decor had gone by the wayside. The combo of dated dark furnishings and dull wall colour (not to mention a benign lack of order) had conspired to create a room that stood out for all the *wrong* reasons.

As with many others facing similar design dilemmas, the main reason for procrastination is analysis paralysis or, in other words, not knowing where to start. Our suggestion for decorative remedy? Start **NOW**—make a plan: lose items you no longer use, and dispatch anything that's broken (or beyond repair) to the nearest dumpster. C'mon, we all set up our home with inherited stuff, but do we have to hold onto it forever?

In this home, we asked our clients to be ruthless. As such, out went the dated staircase, open-fronted storage unit, smoked mirrored walls, dull carpets and old sofa. Suitably purged, we were left with a generous space to rebrand. Making good the walls and ceiling were our first tasks and, these jobs attended to, the room was ready for a new incarnation.

COLOUR SCHEME

When using patterned wallpaper, it's vital you balance it with plainer aspects to create contrast and definition. Here, the walls are patterned but everything that touches them is plain—the sideboard, the built-ins, the curtains and even the furnishings. This stops pattern clashing with other aspects and provides enough breathing space to be bold. Go on—fortune favours the decorating brave!

ADDING FEATURES ADDS VALUE

We're great believers in spec'ing up space: adding exciting touches enhances perceived value and creates domestic pride on a daily

basis. We added crown molding to proffer a sense of grandeur and define the scale and shape of the generous space; painted matte white—to match the ceiling—it looks strong and authentic.

CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY

It makes sense not to scrimp on comfort. With this in mind, make sure your new sofa purchase is as comfortable as it is attractive. In order to specify size, fabric and timber finish, we had all our items custom-made; and besides, we like to support skilled local crafts-people. In Toronto, we use Frank at Ultra Upholstery for all our custom needs. He's simply the best in the business.



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CREATE FOCAL POINTS

In modern rooms without fixed features (such as fireplaces) create your own focal point around which you can dress furniture. This provides a fixed area and makes positioning upholstery and case goods easier. Many people use the television as their focus and dress seating accordingly.

On this project, rather than simply hang a TV, we created built-in units to frame it; this stopped the television from being too dominant and created a wonderful feature zone.

Tip: take built-in storage to the next level by using crown molding across the top and skirting on the bottom. This route will properly integrate technology into your room, and give proceedings a slick, professional finish.

CREATE DISPLAY & DISCREET STORAGE

Fact: people need storage. But please, follow the golden rules and balance out display and discreet storage to create a clean and orderly esthetic. Open shelves are ideal for small stacks of books, objet d'art and collectibles: don't cram with DVDs, puzzle books and paperwork. To keep smaller items together use storage boxes on shelves or keep messy items behind closed doors.

REUSE WHAT YOU'VE GOT

In order to moderate spending, we upcycled the existing dining furniture. First up? A trip to the local auto spray painting shop—places like these tend to cost WAY less than furniture restoration companies. We opted to have the display cabinet and table painted purest white. Next up, we made fabric slip covers for the leather chairs to lighten the look. Further colour comes from fresh flowers and our choice of napery.

DATED FEATURES = DATED HOMES

The open-concept staircase sported a candy twist metal detail that really dated the property. Swapping it out for painted white pickets with oak detailing brightened up the stairway and immediately updated proceedings. Light fittings, door handles and windows (and even the type of doors you have between rooms) are all aspects that can date your home, so swap them out and bring your home into the 21st century.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

When installing pot lights, a less-is-more principal works wonders if you simply want to brighten your room; cornering the pots is the easiest way to achieve this. If you want to highlight particular features, or areas, then a separate circuit for each should be considered. Dimmers should also be fitted so you can control the light and mood at the flick of a switch.

SIMPLIFY WINDOW TREATMENTS

The long, lean creamy white drapery really softens the windows, picking up, as it does, natural light, thereby accentuating the height of this generous glazed area. The plantation shutters do all the practical work of keeping daylight out when required as well as adding a valuable design feature. A perfect celebration of practical and beautiful. ♦



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BY PAUL SEMKULEY • PHOTOGRAPHY BY GILLIAN JACKSON





As well as enriching your life, jet-setting to a new travel destination every year can infuse a wealth of uniquely curated decor into your home. It is one of the best and simplest luxuries that everyone should take advantage of. Just think of how your mind, body and soul will be inspired.

When it comes to decor and design, I truly believe that travel provides a myriad of opportunities to bring something new and exciting to clients. The first questions I ask clients are: Do you travel? Where have you been? And where would you like to go? Even if someone is too busy to travel, I can get started with some clients' destination clues and points of interest.

Colour is so influential. The turquoise blue waters of far-away oceans to the greenest of greens in a tropical rain forest; they all have validity and a certain point of view. But most individuals would not necessarily like to have a bright green room. As a colour expert and decorator, I can turn your travel inspirations into reality, in a space that you can live with.

In this particular project, these homeowners hail from Johannesburg, South Africa, and they love colour and the culture that they left behind 25 years ago. Their collection of original artworks from South Africa provided great building blocks to create and decorate their home.





With such bold colours in the artwork, we wanted to create a neutral base palette with big, bright pops of colour. The walls were painted in a soft cream (Acadia White OC-38) with classical trim (Cloud White CC-40) to establish the foundation.

The two chartreuse chairs, sourced at a local retailer, were coupled with hot-pink lumbar pillows. The sofa was upholstered in a natural, tight linen weave, and light ivory drapery panels framed the window, without detracting from the glory of the jewels in the room. Bright bold colours line the sofa with a collection of fabrics; a multi-coloured flame-stitch pattern, multi-coloured rosette tufting, reminiscent of the feather wall crowns so familiar with South African decor, and a thin multi-coloured stripe.

The coffee table was an existing piece they had and worked well with the room to provide a traditional element for continuity within the house. The combination of traditional lines in the fireplace and mouldings, and a few touches of some mid-century furniture created an updated and modern space.

Interestingly enough, the area rug was chosen after we had decided on these gorgeous fabrics. But, as fate would have it, we were able to source this stunning silk carpet with numerous striations of the bright colours found in the artwork and in the pillows and accessories.

The collection of accessories is what really brings the global influences directly into a home and is certainly evident in this living room. Iron currency pieces were legal tender in Africa and provide a wonderful sculptural history of its money exchange. The colourful beaded and shell woman sculptures are all handcrafted to reflect the beauty and individuality of the people of South Africa and their way of life. The mirrors continue to add sculpture and dimension, and reference the feather crown headdresses.

A comfortable home is important to your well-being. Travelling to wonderful and beautiful places also brings a sense of contentment.

When you do travel, look for something that you love and bring it home. Let it be the foundation of a new room. It doesn't have to be large or small, just that one thing that inspires you and reminds you of this treasured and meaningful place—that is until you travel again to another great destination. ♦



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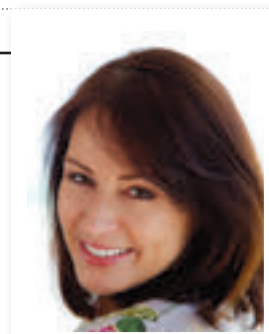


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KIMBERLEY'S GUIDE TO *travel-inspired* DECORATING



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Whether you're an armchair traveller or a true adventurer, bringing your favourite fantasy looks home is easier than you think. Design has the power to transport you to exotic or romantic realms, as you fancy—capturing the styles that inspire. This is particularly good news for those whose vacation time seems far, far away. Here are some suggestions on how you can create that dream-destination atmosphere right at home.

THE DOS AND DON'TS OF TRAVEL-INSPIRED DECORATING

DO create a valid adaptation of your favourite style by incorporating a region's indigenous colours. Aqua blues and greens are reminders of carefree Caribbean afternoons, pretty pastels accented with crisp white echo Miami Beach, while spicy oranges and saffron yellows suggest exotic India.

DO rely on authentic fabrics (think Indian-inspired paisleys for French country rooms) as a main indicator of a style and location. When travelling, search out flea markets for vintage pieces which can be made into pillows or even hung in a shadow box and displayed. Large-scale blue and white checks on linen or cotton are a staple in Swedish interiors, intricate jacquards and delicate brocades are essential to formal western European looks, and oak leaves and naïve animals adorn the printed textiles typically found in Alsatian and Bavarian homes.

DO make room for furnishings that look well travelled and well loved. A Turkish table with inlaid mother-of-pearl and ivory suggests a trip to Morocco or Turkey, while a vintage trunk may have travelled on the Queen Mary.

DON'T copy any regional style literally or you run the risk of developing "Epcot Syndrome." Santa Fe-style looks perfectly appropriate in New Mexico and works very well in Arizona and Los Angeles, but it may fall somewhat short in eastern Canada where geography and light are vastly different. Terracotta tiles, Navajo rugs, and religious iconography can, however, mix well (and look appropriate) when combined with other classic American-style furnishings.

DON'T mix more than two or three styles within a single room. It's also important to consider compatibility. For example, painted Pennsylvania Dutch furniture will work beautifully with casual Canadiana or country styles but is not a match for more formal decor.

DON'T paint the exterior of your home with colours found in a foreign region. Since this is a public space, it should harmonize with other neighbourhood homes.

DON'T forget that original artwork should be at the top of every traveller's shopping list. Unframed pieces are nearly indestructible, fit easily into suitcases, and carry fond memories for years to come. ♦



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A neutral palette and lush textures upgrade an older home's living room to its full potential

BY **KATIE CAMPBELL**

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When you enter a home, the first room you see really sets the tone for the entire interaction. Although it is sometimes difficult to analyze, you get a feeling that is influenced by the home's overall design and that feeling really informs your experience. As a homeowner, it can even impact your overall quality of life.

In this home, there is a small foyer that immediately opens up into the living room. To guests this living room is the "welcome to our home" handshake, creating a lingering feeling of comfortable sophistication that has been achieved through plush fabrics, long drapery, luxurious upholstery, and a soft colour story.

But this room was not always so bright and cosy. The empty nesters that bought this home in Old Oakville fell in love with the potential this room had, however, there were a number of concerns that needed to be addressed to allow this room to project a confident first impression.

The front porch overhang outside of the living room window made the space feel quite dark. Given the age of the home, there are standard eight-foot ceilings, yet it was important to give the room a light, airy and open feeling.

The key to this room is its strategic balance of colours, materials and scale, and balance in the furniture layout. The result is a room that is confident and sophisticated, while remaining humble, bright and warm.

A neutral palette was used to create a sense of calm and comfort. Ivory velvet sofas are accented by soft blues and greys in the drapery panels and accent chair. The showstopper is a large dark mohair ottoman that brings necessary contrast to the colour story. Although the homeowner wanted everything to be light, we went with a slightly moodier taupe wall to really accentuate the sofas. This key to balance is creating a neutral space that does not feel ho-hum.

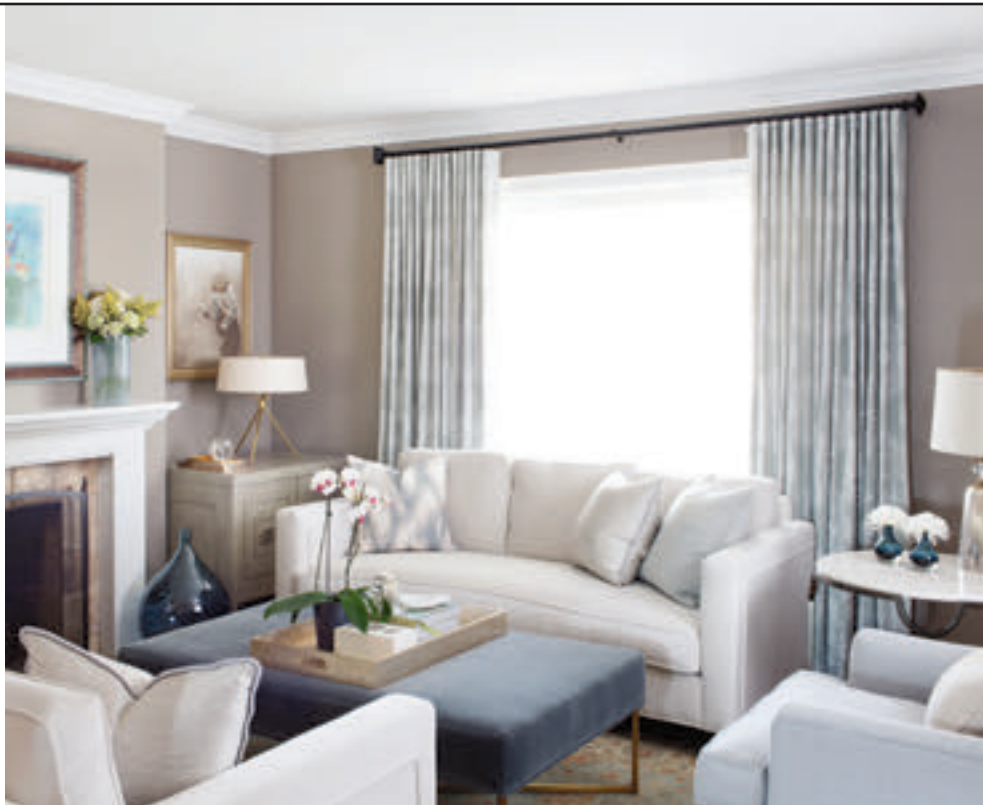
An easygoing homeowner is the final balance needed here: ivory sofas are not for everyone and a “shake it off” attitude is required...spills happen!

Functional drapery panels give a feeling of grandeur, and the black hardware really draws your eye up. A secondary window blind treatment is used for ultimate light control and privacy. The custom panel fabric is a linen base with a beautiful embroidered medallion pattern that takes it up a notch.

Velvet and mohair are pure luxury, and they are also extremely durable. In a neutral space, texture is key to providing warmth and interest. Silk, a cotton weave, and linen are used in toss cushions that make the sofas feel very inviting. Sculptural table lamps in soft antique brass balance smooth and straight surfaces, like the marble side table and wood chests.

A mixture of metals was used throughout to give the room timeless appeal. When combined, soft brass, oxidized nickel, oil-rubbed bronze, soft silver and champagne hues elevate the design and give it soul. More personality was added through accessories and artwork passed down from family that were given new life.

Subtle repetition of a square motif was used on the cabinetry detail,



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custom sofa piping and custom chair welt to unify the space and give masculine appeal, while a soft curve in the sofa brings femininity and aids in the flow of the room.

This is not a huge room and scale was very important. Too often, smaller pieces are chosen for a smaller room, but by pushing the boundaries and bringing in appropriately larger-scaled items you find the room actually seems bigger.

Two sofas are used to create a symmetrical plan focused on the fireplace, which draws the eye to the end of the room. The symmetrical furniture placement and exquisite long drapery add a hint of formality to the room, juxtaposed by the

plush toss cushions, cosy fabrics and bold artwork.

Because the homeowners entertain a lot, adequate seating and a conversational furniture plan was required. A distinct point of view was integral; one that acknowledges the age of the home and also incorporates the homeowners' lifestyle. The main goal was to create a room that was comfortable and warm, while remaining luxurious and refined; a room that would take the owner from Friday nights, chatting with friends, to Sunday mornings, reading the paper by the fire.

The result is a room that surrounds you in beauty without being too precious. ♦

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A WHOLISTIC APPROACH

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The system starts with the cladding materials on your roof and exterior walls. Beneath that, you'll have an air barrier layer. Then, ideally, you'll have insulation on six sides—in the attic, the four exterior walls, and below the basement flooring.

Before the drywall or paneling goes up, you need a vapour barrier. But it has to go on the "warm side" of the insulation, between the insulation and your living space, tucked directly behind the drywall. And the barrier has to be continuous. All the pieces need to be overlapped and taped at the seams. If you install the barrier with gaps, or make holes in it to install things such as electrical boxes, moisture will seep into the wall cavity.

Make mistakes with any of those layers and you could end up with a drafty home that wastes energy, and rooms with varying temperatures or, worse still, mould and moisture damage, which often develops behind walls where the problem isn't noticed until long after it began.



But those are just the basics. When we start adding things to the mix, sometimes seemingly unrelated components need to be added or upgraded. For example, if you replace all of the drafty old windows and doors in an older house with new, energy-efficient ones, you may need to compensate for the lack of fresh air with an air exchanger.

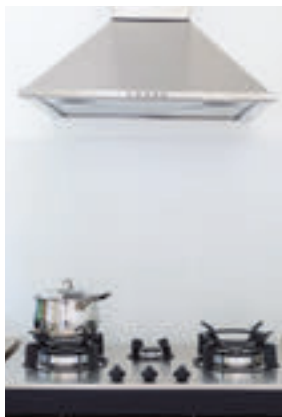
On the other hand, wherever steam is generated inside a house—the kitchen, bathrooms, an indoor sauna—you'll need to have a ventilation system to direct the moist air outside and help avoid mould issues. That humid air needs to be drawn into the unit and channeled through all the layers of the wall mentioned above.

But when it comes to fans, bigger isn't always better. If your fan is oversized for the room, it can draw out too much air. For more on sizing fans and how they're rated for noise, see "Vent Some Steam" on page TK.

All of which is to say, the next time you ask a contractor to take care of what you think should be a simple job, there may be a bunch of good reasons why he or she says, "Hmm, this could get complicated."

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VENT *some* STEAM

The importance of venting in key areas of your home will ensure clean air and add longevity to appliances

BY JIM CARUK

Our houses have to put up with a lot of hot air. From the pots boiling away on the stove and our teenagers' endless hot showers, to the humidity seeping into our attics, there's a lot of moist air in our houses, and most of it needs to get vented to the outside.

Moist air that gets trapped in the attic can lead to mould. You may not have ever really noticed or thought about them, but on your roof there will be a few attic vents. Their job is to draw the air out. If they're undersized or there are not enough of them, they can't do the job sufficiently.

If your house was built more than a few years ago, it can often be a good idea to get up there and add more insulation to help prevent the heat from seeping into the attic in winter, and block the heat from filtering down in the summer. But DIYers (and the odd uniformed pro) often throw or blow extra insulation carelessly and end up blocking the soffit vents. The more airflow you have over the insulation, the better it will work.

"While some might think that the hood over your range is intended to draw food smells out of the house, its actual role is to collect and channel all the moist air coming off the stove."

COOKING AND CLEANING

With all the steam generated by cooking and showering, kitchens and bathrooms require their own ventilation measures. While some might think that the hood over your range is intended to draw food smells out of the house, its actual role is to collect and channel all the moist air coming off the stove.

Just don't oversize it too much. Everybody's going for these giant industrial ranges and they want the big commercial hood towering over it. But they suck up all the air in the room. (You'll know it's too strong when your dining room chairs start sliding towards the stove!)

There are some pretty cool downdraft vents that you can hide away, then raise and lower with the push of a

button. They're not as popular as they used to be but they're a good option for open-concept islands where you don't want a big hood hanging over everything. Whichever style you choose, don't forget to periodically clean the filter(s).

SMART VENTING

In the bathroom, you can get fans that are strictly designed to move air. But some models have built-in lights and even heating lamps. Others are equipped with timers to shut off after a set period of time so you can leave them running to ensure the humidity is removed, even if you have to rush out the door right after showering.

You're going to want to make sure the unit has a large-enough capacity to handle the volume of air you need to circulate. Fans are rated on the cubic feet per minute (CFM) of air that they

remove. Standard fans typically range from about 50 to a little more than 100 CFMs. A decent rule of thumb is one CFM per square foot of bathroom.

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You'll also want to look into the sound level. Fan noise is rated in "sones." The lower the sone rating, the quieter the fan will be.

There's at least one other appliance in your home that needs a vent: the dryer. Most of us know to regularly clean out the lint trap—if you don't, it'll take longer for your clothes to dry, causes the motor to wear out early and, in extreme cases, can be a fire hazard.

But the hose leading from the machine to the exterior wall can get clogged as well. During the demolition phase, we often pull out hoses that are almost completely blocked. If you reach behind the machine and lift up the hose and it weighs a lot, you've left it too late. ♦

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International design trends find their way into GTA homes

BY **BRENDAN CHARTERS**

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Since builders are a savvy bunch, the style of home they build quickly begins to resemble the desires of the potential consumers that could end up purchasing the home. That means not every home can be a Tudor or Victorian-style single-family home, which were most common in Toronto at the turn of the last century.

As an affluent first-world country, not only do people bring their heritage with them when they relocate to Canada but residents also return home with design and housing-style influences from the

places they see or experience in their global travels. In fact, European influences have been strong in Canada, given the major wave of immigration in the early 20th century.

Architecturally, the focus of the home has shifted from the street view toward the more private areas in the rear of the dwellings. Additions to these buildings reflect the way people inhabit a residence in the 21st century, so most additions to those homes include lower-level recreation rooms, combined kitchen and family rooms (often referred to as great rooms), with master suites above on the second level.

As such, the look of many streetscapes remains relatively unchanged, whereas in the rear of the properties people are more open to expressing themselves with alternative styling. This might include more open expanses of glazing, connecting

the exterior with the interior, without compromising privacy given the ample rear-yard setbacks common in GTA homes. This trend has shifted East from the more temperate regions of the West Coast of the United States, as well as Scandinavian countries where more modern architecture has prevailed for some time.

From a colour and decoration standpoint, there has been a transition from the overly used “builder beige” to more of a white or grey backdrop. Colours are added through art or furniture, something that is much easier and often less expensive to change as trends evolve.

Another area of influence gleaned from studying international housing is the systems they use to service the home. Canada, so rich in resources, has been quite wasteful in its housing practices in the past, with the seemingly endless and cheap supply of water and fuel.

While travelling to virtually anywhere else in the world, one quickly realizes the high cost and

scarcity of those same resources, and the design changes they have been forced to make to compensate. In order to conserve in our own homes, system changes such as tankless hot-water heaters, mini boilers and low-profile radiators (Europe), air-to-air heat pumps (Japan), and spray-foam insulation (Thailand), are developments created abroad that are now implemented in our homes to conserve the world’s precious and limited resources.

So the next time you grab your towel and leave your hotel room in the Dominican Republic to head down to the beach, take note of the occupant sensor that shuts down the AC once you leave. It’s those simple system design elements that can be implemented into your own home to improve efficiency. And yes, we can also design and build a cabana in your rear yard for you to enjoy your Mamajuana in the shade.

Safe travels! ♦



White backdrop, low-profile radiators, occupant-sensor thermostats, as seen here, are all examples of international design influences.

Artistic flair is best appreciated with a clean backdrop and good lighting, as seen in this European-influenced stairwell.



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NEW AND IMPROVED

Almost half of Canadian homeowners have renos on their minds



BY **BRYAN TUCKEY**

A report published by CIBC earlier this year revealed that 42 per cent of Canadians are planning home renovations. They plan to spend an average of \$17,000 on sprucing up their homes with some basic maintenance, like painting, flooring, general repairs and replacing appliances.

Kitchen and bathroom renovations, still a popular renovation focus, are lagging behind outdoor landscaping this year, but not by much. Home improvements are a great way to add value to your existing home, while creating jobs in the industry and boosting our economy.

AVERAGE HOUSING PRICES

These results come as no surprise to some industry professionals who cite low interest rates and rising house prices as two major factors contributing to the renovation demand. The average price of a low-rise home in the GTA currently exceeds \$775,000, while the price of a new condo averages just below \$450,000. This leaves many homeowners turning to renovations to get the feeling of a brand new home

but with a lighter price tag.

Before you embark on your renovation, be sure to plan ahead. A lot of major renovations require you to obtain the proper permit, particularly in big cities like Toronto. Failure to do so may result in you being asked to restore your home to its original state if the renovation doesn't conform to the municipality's bylaws—an expensive process you don't want to experience.

Please make sure that there is adequate time allotted to obtain your permit. BILD is working with our government partners to hasten the approvals process but, in the meantime, waiting times can often take a while.

HOW TO AVOID RISK

I recommend working closely with your renovator to ensure that all the paperwork is in order before starting any work. If your contractor pressures you to act otherwise, proceed with caution. A professional renovator will know to play by the rules.

Working with a professional renovator is of utmost importance because you want to be confident that you are entrusting your home to someone with

the right knowledge and experience to do the job and do it right. If you think it's expensive to hire a professional, wait until you see how much it costs to hire an amateur. You may end up paying thousands to fix sub-standard work, or risk having no work done at all.

This is where the written contract comes in. Make sure you have all elements of the job, including payment, outlined in a detailed and written agreement. Without one, any legal action will prove challenging should you encounter issues.

There are hundreds of professional renovators and trade contractors available in a fully customizable online database on the RenoMark website. All companies that you will find there have agreed to a renovation-specific code of conduct, which includes things like providing a written contract; offering a minimum \$2 million in liability insurance; providing two years warranty on all work; and carrying all applicable licenses and permits.

If you are planning a home renovation this summer, make sure you hire a pro. Visit **renomark.ca** to find out if there's a RenoMark renovator in your area. ♦

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the one eighty's REMAKE of a CLASSIC

BY VICKY SANDERSON

As owner of catering and restaurant company Eatertainment, Sebastien Centner knows how to throw a lavish party, having organized high-profile events for the likes of Hugo Boss, BMW, Bill Clinton, Brad Pitt, and even entertaining maven Martha Stewart. He takes a more casual approach to outdoor summer get-togethers with family and friends.

When asked what inspires Centner's recipes, he says, "My travels and experiences of different cultures, different foods and the different ways that chefs approach the same ingredients. And from my constant curiosity to explore how things work together.

"I sometimes just open the fridge and start putting different ingredients together to see how they work. A lot of time it ends up as a mish-mash but once in a while you get the chance to find a combination that really surprises you."

One of his never-fail patio dishes—Beef Carpaccio—has recently been reimaged for the season by the executive Chef Christopher Matthews of The One Eighty—the refresh of Panorama Lounge in Toronto's Manulife Centre that Eatertainment orchestrated.

"Beef Carpaccio is generally one of my favourite dishes," says Centner, "but for The One Eighty's summer menu we wanted to take this classic dish and add some depth to it. This was done with the addition of the crisp green beans and frisée lettuce as well as the very light drizzle. It transforms it into more of a salad-iteration, which we felt was perfect for outdoor dining."

This savoury, sophisticated dish is also super easy to prepare, meaning you have more time to enjoy your guests...and the sunshine.



BEEF CARPACCIO

INGREDIENTS

SERVES 3

9 oz beef tenderloin – raw, cut into 1-oz pieces, pounded thin between plastic wrap
1 bunch blond frisée
1 cup French green beans, tossed lightly in olive oil
3 tbsp shaved pecorino cheese
2 oz truffle vinaigrette (available at speciality food retailers such as Pusateri's)
Sea salt and pepper to taste

METHOD

Lay three slices of beef on each plate. Divide frisée, beans and pecorino over beef. Drizzle dressing evenly over plate and season to taste. ♦

Sebastien Centner has a portfolio of concept restaurants that include: The Bloor Street Diner, Panorama Lounge, MEATing @ The Bottom Line, Bloor Street Bistros, Café Des Copains, Bermuda Onion, Markelangelo's, Les Copains, LOFT, and Cfood. The catering division hosts over 900 events annually, from coast to coast. eatertainment.com





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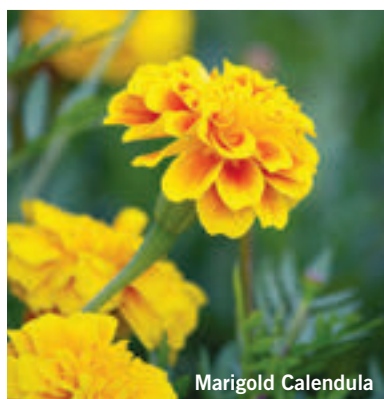
Early September is harvest time for gardeners and the most proactive among us are picking up the pickling jar and getting to work.

If you are among the many people who did not plant vegetables, your local farmers' market or pick-your-own vegetable farm will have a wealth of raw material for the health-oriented foodie.

The recent Greenbelt Farmers' Market Network Research Study tells us a lot about ourselves, at least, those of us who shop at farmers' markets. For instance:

- Shopping at local farmers' markets leads to consuming both higher volumes of vegetables and fruit and a wider variety of them.
- Two thirds of people who shop at farmers' markets say they experiment more with produce, which results in healthier meals. I eat more healthy food from my own garden as many of the vegetables are a result of my 'success' there. Swiss chard is a good example: I had not even tasted the stuff until it exploded out of the ground.
- Farmers' market shoppers are more inclined to bring their kids to the market than supermarket shoppers are. They are motivated to expose them to healthy, locally grown food. More than half of these kids are willing to try new foods.
- As many as 85 per cent of shoppers are inspired to eat seasonally, which leads to different buying and cooking patterns. In winter, the same shoppers buy what stores sell.

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Marigold Calendula



Mint



Roses

Grow Your Own?

If you invested in the sowing and tilling of a vegetable garden this summer, you are in luck. Your tomatoes are reaching their peak in late summer and fall.

There is a tendency, however, to overlook many of the edible flowering plants that perform well this time of year. Here are a few to help you beef up your daily quotient of greens while exploring some new taste sensations.

Pot Marigold Calendula

A few hundred years ago, the petals were used to add colour to cheese. Now it is recognized for its high carotene content, the antioxidant nutrient found in carrots and squash.

For colour *and* nutrition, add half a cup of finely cut-up petals to two cups of rice. Because they love sun and tolerate a great deal of early frost, you don't have to kiss your crop goodbye as soon as the first frost arrives.

Mints

They creep around your perennial garden, possibly at the base of your roses. You may hate their aggressive growth habit but they are a popular herb. The leaves are a tasty addition to many meals and beverages. Sprinkle cut leaves on fresh fruit, ice cream, or add some of the flowers to the frosting on a cake.

Nasturtiums

This may be the easiest to grow and the most overlooked edible flowering plant on this list. Every part of the plant is edible and the flower is now famous as a colourful garnish wherever a peppery flavour is favoured. Salads, salad dressing, vinegar, in cakes with a cream-cheese frosting, or add petals to pasta dishes. The seeds also produce a peppery flavour that store well in a jar with vinegar.

Nasturtiums grow best in an open soil and bright sunshine. I grow them from seed for best results. Water frequently as they don't like to dry out: leaves turn yellow and eventually the plant will collapse. Sometimes they will self-sow for another crop the following year.

Roses

It might surprise you that every garden-variety rose is a salad enhancer. Add colour and a unique flavour to anything green by adding some rose petals. The best for this purpose are the shrub-type varieties.

Gladiola

In bloom in your garden and at the aforementioned farmers' markets right now, they are inexpensive and edible. Use the flower petals to dress up a steak hot off the barbecue or to enhance the appearance and taste of a salad.

If ever there was a time to experiment and challenge your taste buds, this is it. Harvest season comes but once a year. ♦

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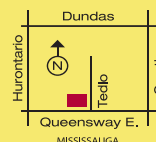


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THE EARLY BIRD ADVANTAGE

How you can avoid draining your time and your bank account during a renovation

BY ROBIN SIEGERMAN

I recently met someone who was in the middle of a huge renovation project and she was complaining that it was taking much longer than she ever thought it would. And it was costing much more than she budgeted. I asked if her designer had specified and purchased all the products before the contractor got started.

First, she said, she was working only with a contractor; second, she was buying all the products herself; and third, she was feeling stressed because the contractor was pressuring her for decisions on products that she hadn't yet chosen and it was taking huge amounts of time when she should have been working. And Bam! Right there, I could clearly see the problem.

THINK AND ACT AHEAD

To have any hope of a renovation staying on schedule and budget, the time to buy products is before the renovation starts. Not only do you want to choose the products you want but you should order and take delivery of them. If you or the contractor doesn't have room to store them, arrange a short-term, temperature-controlled storage locker and have all of your products in the locker before the start date.

On most of my projects, I purchase the products so I can ensure we get the right product, size, colour, and quantity,

without damage, and they're available when we need them. It's time-consuming but prevents many headaches later on.

One of my clients decided to hire her own contractor and do all her own purchasing to save herself the cost of paying for my time. I explained the pitfalls but she assured me that she would be able to handle it.

She asked me to prepare a product list with all the information needed to buy the products I'd specified, and that she'd agreed to, which

I happily provided. All the purchase information was listed, so she had a road map of exactly what to buy and where. I recommended that she order the products two months prior to the start of the renovation. With the house

torn open to the studs and the joists, after the wires had been run to the location for the lights, the contractor was ready to install the housings according to my electrical plan, but the lights were not on-site. They had not been ordered.

DOMINO EFFECT

In a fluster, the client called the lighting vendor, who told her that the lights were out of stock and were not expected in for six weeks. She could either wait or choose something else.

Not having the lights when he needed them meant that

TIMELINE TIP

Buy any products you need and have them delivered, before the work begins, even if it means paying for short-term storage until you use them.

the contractor had to juggle the schedule. He closed up the walls so the flooring installation could stay on schedule, but he couldn't close up the ceiling, which delayed the cabinet delivery and installation, window treatments, furnishings, and so on.

This panicked chain of events led the clients to choose more expensive lights, which took over two weeks to arrive. The contractor and his trades were still delayed.

That one holdup set off a domino effect of tradespeople postponements and they went on to other previously scheduled projects. It then became difficult for them to squeeze return visits into their full schedules.

It ended up costing the client several thousand dollars extra in product and labour costs, and weeks of extra time, not to mention the stress involved.

Such was the case with several products on the job; consequently, the stress level on the job site was through the roof. When I recommended that the client order all the products two months prior to the start of construction, she *thought* about it, then got busy and distracted and decided that since the renovation wasn't starting for over a month, she had lots of time and didn't need to worry.

But, as we all know, weeks seem to evaporate and before you know it, a month has passed.

METHOD TO THE MADNESS

This is why, if you're embarking on a major renovation, design drawings and detailed planning ahead of time is so important. You need to know, in advance, what products you're using, how they will get built

in, and where the products are going to come from.

Then make sure you know who is ordering the products and that everything is either on-site or in storage, ready to use before the contractor needs it.

This allows time to inspect every-

thing, ensure there is no damage, and that you receive the correct item. If there are any problems then you have time to replace them before the contractor is pressuring you.

This practice alone will save you a lot of time, money and sanity on your next renovation. ♦

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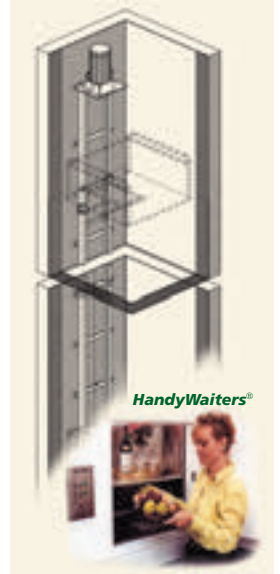


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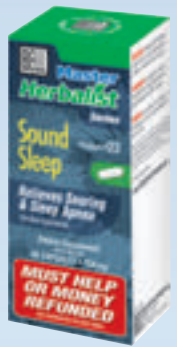
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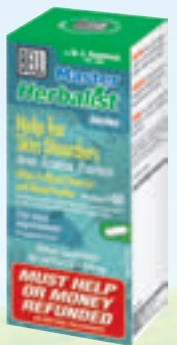
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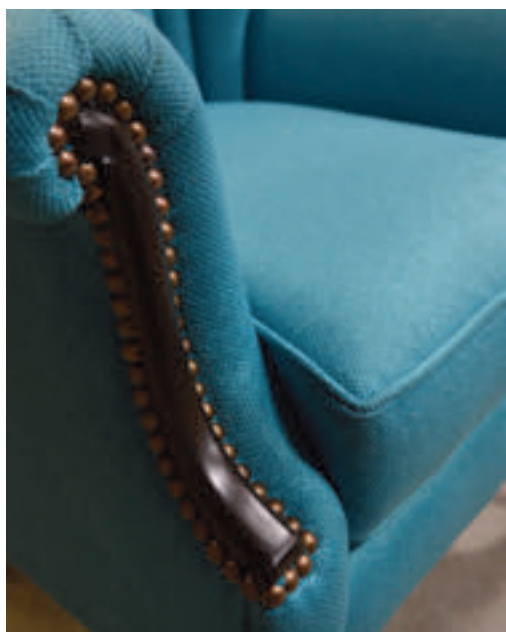
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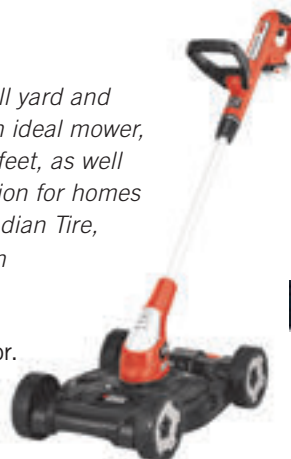
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BY SILVANA LONGO

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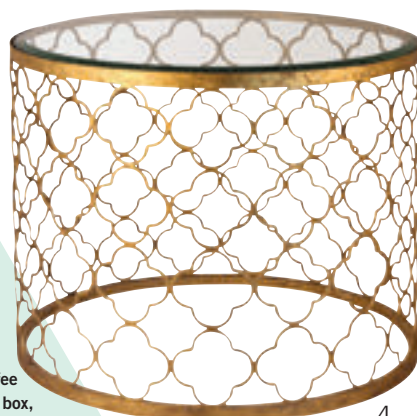
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